

We claim:

1. A method for canceling a call, the method comprising:
  - (a) analyzing a plurality of inputs transmitted from a called telephone station, where the plurality of inputs are selected from the group consisting of DTMF tones, flash-hook, dial pulse input, modem/fax input, and voice input;
  - (b) transmitting a message to a calling telephone station;and
  - (c) canceling a call placed to the called telephone station.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein (a) comprises determining whether a user at the called telephone station seeks to cancel the call.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein (a) comprises determining whether a user at the called telephone station seeks to send a message to the calling telephone station.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein (a) comprises determining whether a user at the called telephone station seeks to cancel the call and send a message to the calling telephone station.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein (b) comprises transmitting a message to the calling telephone station indicating that a user at the called telephone station does not accept calls from solicitors.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein (b) comprises transmitting a message to the calling telephone station requesting that the telephone number associated with the called telephone station be removed from a call list.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein (b) comprises transmitting a message to the calling telephone station requesting that a caller at the calling telephone not call the telephone number associated with the called telephone station again in the future.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(d) transmitting a confirmation message to the called telephone station.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the confirmation message comprises an indication that the call has been canceled.

10. A system for canceling a call, the system comprising:  
at least one telecommunications network element operative  
to:

(a) analyze a plurality of inputs transmitted from a called telephone station, where the plurality of inputs are selected from the group consisting of DTMF tones, flash-hook, dial pulse input, modem/fax input, and voice input;

(b) transmit a message to a calling telephone station; and

(c) cancel a call placed to the called telephone station.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one telecommunications network element is further operative to determine whether a user at the called telephone station seeks to cancel the call.

12. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one telecommunications network element is further operative to determine whether a user at the called telephone station seeks to send a message to the calling telephone station.

13. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one telecommunications network element is further operative to transmit a message to the calling telephone station indicating that a user at the called telephone station does not accept calls from solicitors.

14. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one telecommunications network element is further operative to transmit a message to the calling telephone station requesting that the telephone number associated with the called telephone station be removed from a call list.

15. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one telecommunications network element is further operative to transmit a confirmation message to called telephone station.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the confirmation message comprises an indication that the call has been canceled.

17. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one telecommunications network element comprises a service switching point.

18. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one telecommunications network element comprises a service control point.

19. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one telecommunications network element comprises a service node.

20. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one telecommunications network element comprises an intelligent peripheral.